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SUBJECT: LECTURER ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

1. NEIGHBORHOOD INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS LECTURE  
NOVEMBER 14 PROVIDED INSIGHTS INTO LINE SOVIETS  
TAKING AT GRASS ROOTS LEVEL IN EXPLAINING CURRENT  
MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. LECTURER STATED ARABS HAD  
INITIATED HOSTILITIES, BUT TERMED THIS ACTION  
NECESSARY AS RESULT CONTINUED ISRAELI OCCUPATION  
OF ARAB TERRITORIES, IN VIOLATION OF SECURITY  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242, AND PROVOCATIONS AGAINST  
ARAB COUNTRIES.

2. SPEAKER CRITICIZED ARAB LEADERS FOR FAILING TO  
HEED SOVIET ADVICE THAT THEY SHOULD FOLLOW UP INITIAL  
MILITARY SUCCESSES WITH MAJOR DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE AIMED  
AT SECURING ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO 1967 BORDERS. SUB-  
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SEQUENTLY, HE STATED, ISRAELI RECOVERY FROM INITIAL

MILITARY SETBACK COUPLED WITH ARAB STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL ERRORS ON BATTLEFIELD LED TO SERIOUS REVEERSALS FOR ARAB FORCES NOTWITHSTANDING SEVERE LOSSES INFLICTED ON ISRAELI SIDE.

3. NOTING THAT MIDDLE EAST EVENTS IN OCTOBERREPRESENTED MAJOR TEST FOR DEVELOPING U.S.-USSR RELATIONS, SPEAKER REMINDED AUDIENCE THAT SITUATION IN REGION REMAINS TENSE. HE DREW ATTENTION TO SIX POINT ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT, DESCRIBING IT AS FIRST STEP IN SEEKING FINAL SETTLEMENT OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. (ORIGIN OF AGREEMENT WAS NOT DISCUSSED.) IN TALKING ABOUT AGREEMENT, HE STRESSED ISRAELI COMMITMENT TO WITHDRAW TO OCTOBER 22 CEASE-FIRE LINE.

4. LECTURER POINTED TO THREE CONCLUSIONS WHICH CAN BE DRAWN FROM LATEST CONFLICT; A. ARAB MILITARY CAPABILITIES HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED, PRIMARILY AS RESULT OF SOVIET ASSISTANCE; B. ARAB POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY UNITY HAS STRENGTHENED CONSIDERABLY; AND C. MYTH OF ISRAELI MILITARY INVINCIBILITY HAS BEEN DESTROYED. AT CONCLUSION OF ME DISCUSSION, HE STRESSED CONTINUING SOVIET POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC INTERESTS IN MIDDLE EAST RESULTING FROM CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SOVIET BORDERS. DUBS

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